

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION (WWMC)
MEETING MINUTES 05 FEBRUARY 2007
(Approved by WWMC on 20 February 2007)

TIME: 4:30 PM, LOCATION: Tiverton Community Center

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: -John Christo, Steve York, Chris Nearpass, Don Wilbur, and Raymond Joubert

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: John Lincourt -Wastewater Superintendent (WWS), Public Works Director—David Webster, Town Administrator -Glenn Steckman III, Town Council Member Jay Edwards

1. The minutes of 16 January 2007 as recorded by the Secretary of the Commission was approved by four WWMC members by means of a motion made by Ray Joubert and second by Don Wilbur.
2. Sewer user rates - FY 2008 – Many options were discussed, a subcommittee was formed, members Ray Joubert and Chris Nearpass will work on this issue and report to WWMC members at the next meeting.
3. EPA policy -Recent changes for sewer lines and pumping stations– No discussion, item tabled for next meeting.
4. 47 Kenyon Road – The owners have requested an exemption from the new cesspool phase-out clause of the new On-Site Wastewater Management Ordinance. Various recommendations were discussed, however, it was agreed by all WWMC members to table this issue until further information is acquired. Mr. Steckman will further investigate this issue.
5. WasteWater Superintendent's Bi Weekly report (including items below):
 - a. Mount Hope Bay Interceptor – A Memo of Understanding between Village of Mount Hope, City of Fall River and the Town of Tiverton concerning the installation of a new flow meter is under review by Andrew Teitz, Esq Town Solicitor.
 - b. Sewer Extension, Trailer Ave. – A meeting was held between John Lincourt, Glenn Steckman, David Webster, Noel Berg and Gareth Eames on 30 January 2007 in an attempt to resolve this issue. However, Mr. Bjornson has not signed the required easement to start the process for sewer extension on Trailer Avenue. Work continuing on this issue.
 - c. Bourne Mill Development/Shove St Area – Several meetings were held between Pare Engineering and the Town of Tiverton's Bourne Mill development team. A motion concerning exemption of betterment fees made by Ray Joubert, second by Don Wilbur was unanimously approved by the 4 members present. (Steve York not present during this item) The motion made is as follows:

“WHEREAS:

The Bourne Mill presently sits on a parcel of land within the Town of Tiverton that does not have sewer service.

If the Town of Tiverton was to provide public funds to extend sewer service to this parcel of land, certain betterment charges would be levied by the Town of Tiverton against the owners of the parcel to offset the cost of installing said sewer service to said parcel and the surrounding service area.

As part of the extension of sewers to the service area that the Bourne Mill parcel is located in, a sewer pumping station, force main(s), and necessary gravity sewers must be built to collect and convey the wastewater to the City of Fall River.

The betterment charge, as computed by Northeast Engineers and Consultants, Inc. using rates of the most recent sewer construction projects completed by the Town of Tiverton, is in excess of \$608,700

The Armory Revival Company, as developers of the proposed renovations to the Bourne Mill, have agreed to design, permit and construct a sewer pumping station, the sewer force main(s) and the necessary gravity sewers within their project area as part of their project. The components that they have agreed to install will be sized to handle the additional flow of the remainder of the sewer service area as identified in the latest update of the Town's Wastewater Facilities Plan, commonly known as the Berger Report that was published in 2000.

If the Town constructed the infrastructure improvements proposed by the Armory Revival Company, the cost as estimated by the Town would be in excess of \$975,000. The Armory Revival Company has agreed to absorb the total cost of said infrastructure improvements.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

In consideration of sewer construction proposed by the Armory Revival Co., which will include a wastewater pump station, related sewer force main(s) and gravity sewers that will all be sized to collect and pump sewerage from the Town's planned service area and will meet the standards set forth by the Wastewater Collection Superintendent, the Wastewater Management Commission recommends to the Planning Board and the Town Council that the requested waiver of sewer connection fees by the Armory Revival Company be granted, subject to the Armory Revival Company completing all sewer construction as proposed. “

D. Sewer User Ordinance - has been codified and changes made. The new ordinance is posted on the website.

d. Sewer User Ordinance – Results of January 2007 public hearing - On January 22, the Town Council held a public hearing on the proposed revisions to the Sewer Use Ordinance. An issue of discussion was the repeal of the grass meter program. The Town Council decided to phase out the program, with no new users being accepted into the program and existing users being dropped from the program as they recoup the cost of their meter, or sell their property. The Town Council voted to adopt the revised sewer use ordinance as presented by Mr. Webster. The ordinance has been codified and changes made. The document is presently under review by Mr. Webster. The new ordinance has been posted on the Town's web site.

e. Activities Attended - Training / Conference / Meetings attended by WWMS

- (1) 19 Jan 2007 -annual OSHA refresher class.
- (2) 23-24 Jan 2007 annual Water Environment Federation conference
- (3) 25 Jan 2007 annual meeting of the RI League of Cities & Towns. (Session on Asset Management)

f. Ponta Pump Station – Failure report – On January 29, 2007 John noticed the alarm light was on at the Ponta Pump Station. A call was placed to BOYDCO and Love Sanitation was placed on standby. The control wire to one of the relays had lost contact and was preventing the pumps from starting. The wiring was quickly fixed and the station was brought back on line.

g. Ponta Pump Station Monitor System – Since this station doesn't have an auto dialer. It would be expensive to install one with a conventional phone line. BOYDCO is now using a radio alarm system that is low cost to install (\$485) and will cost \$31.90 per month to monitor. John Lincourt recommended to the commission that a radio alarm monitoring system be installed at the Ponta Pump station ASAP. Funds of this device will be acquired from the pump station service line item. All WWMC members approved on this request.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 PM, Next schd Mtg: 20 February 2007 @ 4:30PM at Tiverton Community Center.

John S. Christo,

Secretary,WWMC